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H.B. No. 3008

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 3008:

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C.S.H.B. No. 3008

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the establishment of a civic education project fund for  
3 supporting student civic education projects and educator  
4 professional development related to those projects.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter Z, Chapter 29, Education Code, is  
7 amended by adding Section 29.919 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 29.919. CIVIC EDUCATION PROJECT FUND. (a) In this  
9 section:

10 (1) "Civic education project" means a project that  
11 includes the concepts of civic engagement and the rights and  
12 responsibilities of citizenship and may combine out-of-school  
13 service experience with academic study.

14 (2) "Fund" means the civic education project fund.

15 (b) The civic education project fund is an account in the  
16 general revenue fund administered by the commissioner.

17 (c) The fund consists of:

18 (1) gifts, grants, or donations to the fund; and

19 (2) beginning September 1, 2021, money appropriated,  
20 credited, or transferred to the fund by or at the direction of the  
21 legislature.

22 (d) The fund is established for the purpose of:

23 (1) providing public school students enrolled in the  
24 fourth or a higher grade who are economically disadvantaged, as

1 determined by the commissioner, the opportunity to complete a civic  
2 education project; and

3 (2) supporting educator professional development to  
4 assist educators in preparing students described by Subdivision (1)  
5 to successfully complete a civic education project.

6 (e) Money in the fund may be used only as provided by this  
7 section.

8 (f) In allocating money from the fund, the commissioner may  
9 give priority to a school district in which at least 40 percent of  
10 the students enrolled in the district on September 1 of the school  
11 year are economically disadvantaged, as determined by the  
12 commissioner.

13 (g) The commissioner may adopt rules to implement this  
14 section.

15 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
16 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
17 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
18 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
19 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.